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Honorable Alvin K. Hellerstein  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
United States Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Re: U.S. v. Castelle, 18 Cr. 15 (AKH)  
Emergency Bail Application

Dear Judge Hellerstein:

We supplement our just-filed motion emergency application for bail pending appeal (DE 669) on behalf of defendant-appellant Eugene Castelle with the unfortunate news, reported yesterday, that “The Bureau of Prisons (BOP) confirmed late Saturday night that a federal inmate has died from COVID-19—the first known death of an inmate in the federal prison system.” *See First Known Federal Inmate Dies of Coronavirus*, Reason.com, viewable at <https://reason.com/2020/03/29/first-known-federal-inmate-dies-of-coronavirus/>. Regrettably this story undoubtedly will be repeated many times in the near future and we therefore respectfully urge the Court to act expeditiously upon the emergency motion we have filed on Mr. Castelle’s behalf.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: AUSA Jacob Fiddleman